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## IN THE SPECIFICATION

- 1) On page 1, please delete paragraph [0001] on lines 2-4 and kindly replace the deleted paragraph with the following replacement paragraph:

**[0001]** The present utility patent application claims priority to provisional patent application U.S. Ser. No. 60/233,819 (Mirochnitchenko et al.), filed September 20, 2000, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference in its entirety herein.

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### REMARKS

Applicants respectfully submit the above Amendment including (1) a clean version of the replacement paragraphs in accord with 37 CFR §1.121(b)(1)(ii) and (2) a marked-up version of the replacement paragraphs in accord with 37 CFR §1.121(b)(1)(iii). The specification has been amended to correct a self-evident typographical error in the provisional application serial number. Namely, the "6" and the "0" which are located at the beginning of provisional application serial numbers were inadvertently reversed in the specification. No new matter is being added by this amendment to the specification.

Thus, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter this amendment. If Applicants can do anything more to expedite this application, Applicants ask the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (213) 489-1600.

Respectfully submitted,  
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